

**Voluntary Petition**

(This page must be completed and filed in every case)

Name of Debtor(s):

Benjamin, Brian L.

Benjamin, Cathleen A.

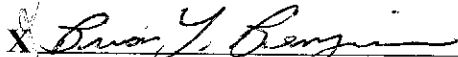
**Signatures****Signature(s) of Debtor(s) (Individual/Joint)**

I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this petition is true and correct.

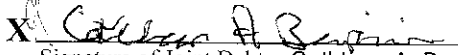
[If petitioner is an individual whose debts are primarily consumer debts and has chosen to file under chapter 7] I am aware that I may proceed under chapter 7, 11, 12, or 13 of title 11, United States Code, understand the relief available under each such chapter, and choose to proceed under chapter 7.

[If no attorney represents me and no bankruptcy petition preparer signs the petition] I have obtained and read the notice required by 11 U.S.C. §342(b).

I request relief in accordance with the chapter of title 11, United States Code, specified in this petition.



Signature of Debtor Brian L. Benjamin



Signature of Joint Debtor Cathleen A. Benjamin

Telephone Number (If not represented by attorney)

Date

**Signature of Attorney\***

Signature of Attorney for Debtor(s)

Jeffrey A. Dahlberg 6206776

Printed Name of Attorney for Debtor(s)

Balsley &amp; Dahlberg

Firm Name

5130 North Second Street  
Loves Park, IL 61111

Address

Email: [www.balsleylawoffice.com](http://www.balsleylawoffice.com)

(815) 877-2593 Fax: (815) 877-7965

Telephone Number


Date

\*In a case in which § 707(b)(4)(D) applies, this signature also constitutes a certification that the attorney has no knowledge after an inquiry that the information in the schedules is incorrect.

**Signature of Debtor (Corporation/Partnership)**

I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this petition is true and correct, and that I have been authorized to file this petition on behalf of the debtor.

The debtor requests relief in accordance with the chapter of title 11, United States Code, specified in this petition.



Signature of Authorized Individual

Printed Name of Authorized Individual

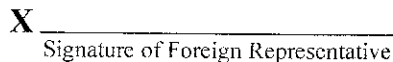
Title of Authorized Individual

Date

**Signature of a Foreign Representative**

I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this petition is true and correct, that I am the foreign representative of a debtor in a foreign proceeding, and that I am authorized to file this petition.

(Check only one box.)

☐ I request relief in accordance with chapter 15 of title 11, United States Code. Certified copies of the documents required by 11 U.S.C. §1515 are attached.☐ Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §1511, I request relief in accordance with the chapter of title 11 specified in this petition. A certified copy of the order granting recognition of the foreign main proceeding is attached.

Signature of Foreign Representative

Printed Name of Foreign Representative

Date

**Signature of Non-Attorney Bankruptcy Petition Preparer**

I declare under penalty of perjury that: (1) I am a bankruptcy petition preparer as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 110; (2) I prepared this document for compensation and have provided the debtor with a copy of this document and the notices and information required under 11 U.S.C. §§ 110(b), 110(h), and 342(b); and, (3) if rules or guidelines have been promulgated pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 110(h) setting a maximum fee for services chargeable by bankruptcy petition preparers, I have given the debtor notice of the maximum amount before preparing any document for filing for a debtor or accepting any fee from the debtor, as required in that section. Official Form 19 is attached.

Printed Name and title, if any, of Bankruptcy Petition Preparer

Social-Security number (If the bankruptcy petition preparer is not an individual, state the Social Security number of the officer, principal, responsible person or partner of the bankruptcy petition preparer.) (Required by 11 U.S.C. § 110.)

Address



Date

Signature of bankruptcy petition preparer or officer, principal, responsible person, or partner whose Social Security number is provided above.

Names and Social-Security numbers of all other individuals who prepared or assisted in preparing this document unless the bankruptcy petition preparer is not an individual:

If more than one person prepared this document, attach additional sheets conforming to the appropriate official form for each person.

*A bankruptcy petition preparer's failure to comply with the provisions of title 11 and the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure may result in fines or imprisonment or both. 11 U.S.C. §110; 18 U.S.C. §156.*

☐ 4. I am not required to receive a credit counseling briefing because of: *[Check the applicable statement.] [Must be accompanied by a motion for determination by the court.]*

☐ Incapacity. (Defined in 11 U.S.C. § 109(h)(4) as impaired by reason of mental illness or mental deficiency so as to be incapable of realizing and making rational decisions with respect to financial responsibilities.);

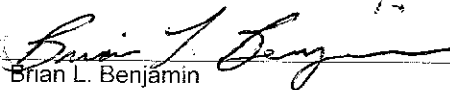
☐ Disability. (Defined in 11 U.S.C. § 109(h)(4) as physically impaired to the extent of being unable, after reasonable effort, to participate in a credit counseling briefing in person, by telephone, or through the Internet.);

☐ Active military duty in a military combat zone.

☐ 5. The United States trustee or bankruptcy administrator has determined that the credit counseling requirement of 11 U.S.C. § 109(h) does not apply in this district.

**I certify under penalty of perjury that the information provided above is true and correct.**

Signature of Debtor:

  
Brian L. Benjamin

Date:

10/13/15

☐ 4. I am not required to receive a credit counseling briefing because of: *[Check the applicable statement.] [Must be accompanied by a motion for determination by the court.]*

☐ Incapacity. (Defined in 11 U.S.C. § 109(h)(4) as impaired by reason of mental illness or mental deficiency so as to be incapable of realizing and making rational decisions with respect to financial responsibilities.);

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☐ Active military duty in a military combat zone.

☐ 5. The United States trustee or bankruptcy administrator has determined that the credit counseling requirement of 11 U.S.C. § 109(h) does not apply in this district.

**I certify under penalty of perjury that the information provided above is true and correct.**

Signature of Debtor: Cathleen A. Benjamin  
Cathleen A. Benjamin

Date: 10-13-15

**United States Bankruptcy Court**  
**Northern District of Illinois**In re Brian L. Benjamin  
Cathleen A. Benjamin

Debtor(s)

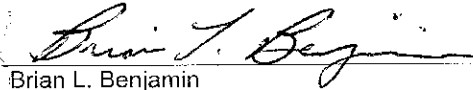
Case No. \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter 7**DECLARATION CONCERNING DEBTOR'S SCHEDULES****DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY BY INDIVIDUAL DEBTOR**

I declare under penalty of perjury that I have read the foregoing summary and schedules, consisting of 20 sheets, and that they are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

Date 10/13/15

Signature




Brian L. Benjamin

Debtor

Date 10-13-15

Signature



Cathleen A. Benjamin

Joint Debtor

*Penalty for making a false statement or concealing property:* Fine of up to \$500,000 or imprisonment for up to 5 years or both.  
18 U.S.C. §§ 152 and 3571.

B7 (Official Form 7) (04/13)

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**18. Nature, location and name of business**

None

- ☒ a. *If the debtor is an individual*, list the names, addresses, taxpayer identification numbers, nature of the businesses, and beginning and ending dates of all businesses in which the debtor was an officer, director, partner, or managing executive of a corporation, partner in a partnership, sole proprietor, or was self-employed in a trade, profession, or other activity either full- or part-time within **six years** immediately preceding the commencement of this case, or in which the debtor owned 5 percent or more of the voting or equity securities within **six years** immediately preceding the commencement of this case.

*If the debtor is a partnership*, list the names, addresses, taxpayer identification numbers, nature of the businesses, and beginning and ending dates of all businesses in which the debtor was a partner or owned 5 percent or more of the voting or equity securities, within **six years** immediately preceding the commencement of this case.

*If the debtor is a corporation*, list the names, addresses, taxpayer identification numbers, nature of the businesses, and beginning and ending dates of all businesses in which the debtor was a partner or owned 5 percent or more of the voting or equity securities within **six years** immediately preceding the commencement of this case.

	LAST FOUR DIGITS OF SOCIAL-SECURITY OR OTHER INDIVIDUAL TAXPAYER-I.D. NO. (ITIN)/ COMPLETE EIN	ADDRESS	NATURE OF BUSINESS	BEGINNING AND ENDING DATES
NAME				

None

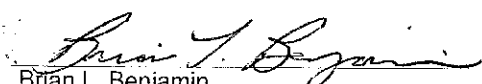
- ☒ b. Identify any business listed in response to subdivision a., above, that is "single asset real estate" as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101.

NAME	ADDRESS
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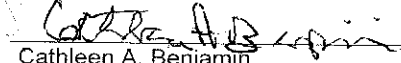
**DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY BY INDIVIDUAL DEBTOR**

I declare under penalty of perjury that I have read the answers contained in the foregoing statement of financial affairs and any attachments thereto and that they are true and correct.

Date 10/13/15

Signature   
Brian L. Benjamin  
Debtor

Date 10-13-15

Signature   
Cathleen A. Benjamin  
Joint Debtor

*Penalty for making a false statement: Fine of up to \$500,000 or imprisonment for up to 5 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152 and 3571*

B8 (Form 8) (12/08)

**United States Bankruptcy Court  
Northern District of Illinois**

In re Brian L. Benjamin  
Cathleen A. Benjamin

Debtor(s)

Case No. \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter 7

**CHAPTER 7 INDIVIDUAL DEBTOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENTION**

**PART A - Debts secured by property of the estate.** (Part A must be fully completed for **EACH** debt which is secured by property of the estate. Attach additional pages if necessary.)

Property No. 1	
<b>Creditor's Name:</b> Quicken Loans	<b>Describe Property Securing Debt:</b> Real estate located at: 8797 Sheffield Drive Belvidere, IL 61008
Property will be (check one): <input type="checkbox"/> Surrendered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Retained	
If retaining the property, I intend to (check at least one): <input type="checkbox"/> Redeem the property <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reaffirm the debt <input type="checkbox"/> Other. Explain _____ (for example, avoid lien using 11 U.S.C. § 522(f)).	
Property is (check one): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Claimed as Exempt <input type="checkbox"/> Not claimed as exempt	

**PART B - Personal property subject to unexpired leases.** (All three columns of Part B must be completed for each unexpired lease. Attach additional pages if necessary.)

Property No. 1		
<b>Lessor's Name:</b> -NONE-	<b>Describe Leased Property:</b>	Lease will be Assumed pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 365(p)(2): <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

**I declare under penalty of perjury that the above indicates my intention as to any property of my estate securing a debt and/or personal property subject to an unexpired lease.**

Date 10/13/15

Signature

Brian L. Benjamin  
Brian L. Benjamin  
Debtor

Date 10-13-15

Signature

Cathleen A. Benjamin  
Cathleen A. Benjamin  
Joint Debtor

B 201B (Form 201B) (12/09)

**United States Bankruptcy Court**  
**Northern District of Illinois**

In re Brian L. Benjamin  
Cathleen A. Benjamin

Debtor(s)

Case No.

Chapter 7

**CERTIFICATION OF NOTICE TO CONSUMER DEBTOR(S)**  
**UNDER § 342(b) OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE**

**Certification of Debtor**

I (We), the debtor(s), affirm that I (we) have received and read the attached notice, as required by § 342(b) of the Bankruptcy Code.

Brian L. Benjamin  
Cathleen A. Benjamin

Printed Name(s) of Debtor(s)

Case No. (if known)

X Brian L. Benjamin 10/13/15  
Signature of Debtor Date

X Cathleen A. Benjamin 10-13-15  
Signature of Joint Debtor (if any) Date

**Instructions:** Attach a copy of Form B 201 A, Notice to Consumer Debtor(s) Under § 342(b) of the Bankruptcy Code.

Use this form to certify that the debtor has received the notice required by 11 U.S.C. § 342(b) **only** if the certification has **NOT** been made on the Voluntary Petition, Official Form B1. Exhibit B on page 2 of Form B1 contains a certification by the debtor's attorney that the attorney has given the notice to the debtor. The Declarations made by debtors and bankruptcy petition preparers on page 3 of Form B1 also include this certification.

**United States Bankruptcy Court  
Northern District of Illinois**

In re Brian L. Benjamin  
Cathleen A. Benjamin

Debtor(s)

Case No. \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter 7

**VERIFICATION OF CREDITOR MATRIX**

Number of Creditors: \_\_\_\_\_ 18

The above-named Debtor(s) hereby verifies that the list of creditors is true and correct to the best of my (our) knowledge.

Date: 10/13/15

Brian L. Benjamin  
Brian L. Benjamin  
Signature of Debtor

Date: 10-13-15

Cathleen A. Benjamin  
Cathleen A. Benjamin  
Signature of Debtor



Debtor 1 Brian L. Benjamin  
Debtor 2 Cathleen A. Benjamin

Case number (if known)

	Column A Debtor 1	Column B Debtor 2 or non-filing spouse
<b>8. Unemployment compensation</b>		
Do not enter the amount if you contend that the amount received was a benefit under the Social Security Act. Instead, list it here:		
For you	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
For your spouse	\$ 0.00	
<b>9. Pension or retirement income.</b> Do not include any amount received that was a benefit under the Social Security Act.	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
<b>10. Income from all other sources not listed above.</b> Specify the source and amount. Do not include any benefits received under the Social Security Act or payments received as a victim of a war crime, a crime against humanity, or international or domestic terrorism. If necessary, list other sources on a separate page and put the total on line 10c.		
10a.	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
10b.	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
10c. Total amounts from separate pages, if any.	+ \$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
<b>11. Calculate your total current monthly income.</b> Add lines 2 through 10 for each column. Then add the total for Column A to the total for Column B.	\$ 4,556.66	+ \$ 0.00 = \$ 4,556.66
		Total current monthly income

**Part 2: Determine Whether the Means Test Applies to You**

**12. Calculate your current monthly income for the year.** Follow these steps:

12a. Copy your total current monthly income from line 11

Copy line 11 here=>

12a. \$ 4,556.66

Multiply by 12 (the number of months in a year)

x 12

12b. The result is your annual income for this part of the form

12b. \$ 54,679.92

**13. Calculate the median family income that applies to you.** Follow these steps:

Fill in the state in which you live.

IL

Fill in the number of people in your household.

2

Fill in the median family income for your state and size of household.

13. \$ 62,440.00

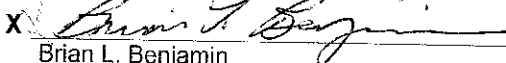
**14. How do the lines compare?**

14a. ☒ Line 12b is less than or equal to line 13. On the top of page 1, check box 1, *There is no presumption of abuse.*  
Go to Part 3.

14b. ☐ Line 12b is more than line 13. On the top of page 1, check box 2, *The presumption of abuse is determined by Form 22A-2.*  
Go to Part 3 and fill out Form 22A-2.

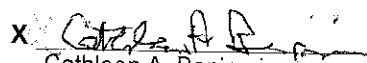
**Part 3: Sign Below**

By signing here, I declare under penalty of perjury that the information on this statement and in any attachments is true and correct.

X 

Brian L. Benjamin  
Signature of Debtor 1

Date 10/13/15  
MM/DD/YYYY

X 

Cathleen A. Benjamin  
Signature of Debtor 2

Date 10/13/15  
MM/DD/YYYY

If you checked line 14a, do NOT fill out or file Form 22A-2.

If you checked line 14b, fill out Form 22A-2 and file it with this form.